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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Reverend Derold
4 and Judy Doughty of First Apostolic Church in Mattoon on their
5 30th anniversary of ministry; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Derold and Judy Doughty came to Mattoon
7 in October of 1979 to pastor the First Apostolic Church, and
8 for the past 30 years have shepherded the congregation, guided
9 them, and inspired them to reach out and minister to others all
10 over the world; and

11 WHEREAS, Seeing the need to involve young people in
12 ministry, they founded the Mattoon Youth Choir, which began
13 touring in 1982, and has traveled extensively throughout the
14 United States and overseas every year since then, ministering
15 to churches small and large, and taking the Gospel to those who
16 have not heard; and

17 WHEREAS, They established an annual Marriage Retreat for
18 the married couples of the church to strengthen families of the
19 church, who, in turn, become strong families in the community;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, They have inspired the church to support foreign

1 missions, to give financially to missions works overseas; and

2 WHEREAS, They had the vision to begin an annual Christmas
3 Dinner Theater, which each year brings in over 1,200 people to
4 the historic Time Theater in Mattoon, which the church
5 purchased and renovated in 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, They have, for the past 10 years, produced the
7 Easter Drama "I Am He" which brings over 2,500 people from
8 Mattoon and the surrounding communities to Apostolic Center to
9 experience a moving portrayal of the Easter story; and

10 WHEREAS, The Doughty's led the church in building the
11 current facility at 205 County Club Road in Mattoon in
12 2002-2003; and they continue to guide the ministries that
13 reach, touch, and build people in the community of Mattoon and
14 its surrounding areas in an active pursuit of Jesus Christ;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 congratulate Reverend Derold and Judy Doughty on their ministry
19 anniversary and wish them continued blessings for years to
20 come; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Reverend Derold and Judy Doughty as a symbol of
2 our respect.